

1 Local 2627
2 District Council 37
3 General Membership Meeting
4 May 15th, 2012
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6 The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm, by Robert Ajaye, President.

7 There was a quorum.
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9 **In attendance were Executive Board Members:**

- 10 • Robert Ajaye, LOCAL 2627 PRESIDENT
11 • Michael Lanni, 1ST, VICE PRESIDENT
12 • Gene Olmstead, 2ND, VICE PRESIDENT
13 • Bruce Heigh, TREASURER
14 • Ethan Dumeyer, SECRETARY
15 • Cody Childs, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
16 • Robert Fishburne, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
17 • Patricia Taylor, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
18 • Susie Yuen, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
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20 **Agenda:**

- 21 • Minutes
22 • Treasurer's Report
23 • President's Report
24 • Scholarships
25 • Old Business
26 • New Business
27 • Good & Welfare
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29 **Minutes**

30 There are a couple of sets of minutes; the first set is from March 20th General Membership Meeting. A motion was
31 made to accept the minutes by Sister Pertil and seconded by Brother Lanni.
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33 Brother Goldberg NYC Housing Authority, point of order stating to accept the minutes before discussion isn't in the
34 rules. Brother Sturges DOITT states that it would be useful to identify that the motion is attached to the minutes for
35 reference. Sister Simon HRA states that time the meeting ends should not be omitted, past not passes and titles
36 should be capitalized corrections.

37 A vote was taken. The motion passed to accept the minutes with corrections.
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39 A motion was made to accept the General Membership Meeting minutes of June 22ND, 2011 by Brother Dunne and
40 seconded by Brother Lanni.
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42 Brother Goldberg raises a question about the wording reported in the minutes. Brother Goldberg was unaware of
43 the wording actually being quoted verbatim and within context.
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45 A vote was taken. The motion passed to accept the minutes.
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47 **Treasurer's Report**

48 Three reports compiled and reported for review by Brother Heigh. *(Attached)*

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50 Report 1: Financial statement for February 2012

51 Report 2: Financial statement for March 2012

52 Report 3: Financial statement for period between January 1st to March 31st

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54 For deficit returns in the reported quarter, the deficits will be over turned by the three pay period month, giving us a
55 greater cash balance then for any deficits reported.

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57 A motion to approve the budget was made by Sister Pertil, and seconded by Brother Blushin. There was a vote and
58 the motion passed.

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60 **President's Report**

61 In Mayor Bloomberg's budget there amounts to no funding for collective bargaining for years 2012, 2013 and 2014,
62 which means no money for contracts in these years! Years 2012 to 2015 he's funded 1.25%; the state got 2%, that's
63 less than he awarded in the state contracts. The Mayor is also stating there will be no retro. Meanwhile the
64 consultants have built into their contracts a cost of living increase yearly.

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66 DOIT gives \$20,000.00 – \$30,000.00 raises to upper management.

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68 Tier 6 starting April 1st 2012 kicks off massive influx of pension enrollment; 12,000 people into NYCERS and 8,000
69 people into BERS retirement systems in about 1.5 weeks for Tier 4. 15,000 people still not in any pension plan; but
70 for those that are in now may need to buy back their time in. For any of you who are about to retire make sure to
71 get counseling first before finalizing the decision. Tier 6 is defined on the NYCERS website for more information.

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73 Voters who are about to vote and you're in doubt, be sure to check the DC37 website for a supported listing. Also,
74 remember if you ever need to write a member in office, it is to your benefit to be a verified voter, so please be sure
75 to vote.

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77 It's been 10 years that the prevailing rate workers have been without a contract. John Liu increased their salaries
78 before Mayor Bloomberg takes aim to take the power of the prevailing rate away from the City Comptroller's Office.

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80 Agencies cannot bar email for just Union activities unless they barred from using email and phones for all personal
81 use. HRA is banning all use except for work related use on their computer systems across the board.

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83 Provisional titles have 9 months to place on a Civil Service exam/listing. Long beach case is to enforce these civil
84 service laws; however, a statement was made that these laws are not being upheld and provisional workers
85 continue to work. For instance, DCAS decreased the number of provisional titled workers with a 5 year plan. The
86 judge legally needs to enforce these laws for official resolution. If you didn't take a Civil Service Exam and get called
87 for a job off the list you will not get permanency.

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89 Telecom titles have been collapsed with the addition of a 4th level within the Associate titles rather than having a
90 Specialist title, which eliminates a promotional exam to get promoted. Despite continuous correspondence with the
91 NYC Transit Authority by our local the members are not getting informed properly for available exams.

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93 Due to "hard to recruit" titles CUNY can higher IT at full salary for IT Associate and IT Senior Associate. CUNY is
94 redesigning its civil service exams to better reflect the IT positions that CUNY needs.

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96 Lateness letters from the MTA trains will be upheld city-wide, not sure about CUNY.

98 Housing seminar will be held Thursday May 31st 5:30 – 7:30 and housing fair held on Wednesday June 13th 10am –
99 4pm. President Ajaye Chairs on the DC37 Housing Committee.

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101 **Scholarships**

102 Scholarship for children, other locals do it and it's not that expensive. 5 scholarship awards at 2,000.00 per award. A
103 lottery will be created for selection on September membership meeting.

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105 Discussion...

106 Brother Goldberg states a financial aid based need may make sense.

107 Brother Dunne suggests the money should be allocated only after completion of the courses.

108 Brother Childs states the qualification should include labor movement courses and questions the need for
109 scholarships at this time.

110 Sister Leibowitz supports the idea of scholarships in support for our members.

111 Brother McClain states this is the wrong forum and a committee should be established to run the scholarship
112 debate.

113 Brother Arty agrees with Brother Cody that we need our money for ammunition for labor movements.

114 Brother Heigh states that ridged guidelines need to be in place and possibly starting smaller for logistics of the
115 planning.

116 Brother Childs states concern about the money being affective and maybe those who come to the meetings should
117 be in the lottery.

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119 We will vote in the next General Membership Meeting.

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121 **Old Business**

122 None.

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124 **New Business**

125 June we will be electing one trustee as deemed by the Local's constitution.

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127 Sister Leibowitz states that on Thursday May 24th, 2012 the Jewish Heritage event will take place at 6pm at the DC37
128 building with food and entertainment. Also that, with City Time issues exist where you must put in your lunch hour
129 or you will not get the time and if this is happening you could be losing time.

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131 T-Shirts are for sale and we're looking for a good turn out to the Labor Day Parade! Check or money order for 5
132 dollars, there is a form for the purchase of the T-Shirt but a good turnout for the parade Saturday September the 8th
133 is needed. Brother Cody suggests not using red on blue do to the contrast of colors becomes hard to read. Due by
134 the 29th of June, orders will be placed first week of July.

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136 Brother Berberry NYC Transit Authority makes a suggestion to change the auditor and rotate between three auditors
137 for the handling of fiscal requirements. Also, mentions people/members should be able to see a nutritionist free of
138 copay. (Handouts were given. *Attached*) Brother Heigh suggests maybe he should become shop steward for NYC
139 Transit Authority.

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141 **Good & Welfare**

142 Vinton Melborn (BMCC)

143 Freddy Goris (CUNY)

144 Dudley Dawkins (DC37)

145 Joe Sigman (DOF)

146 Sarwar Azad (DOITT)

147 Ivonne Sierra (DOP)

148 Robert Mastando (HHC)

149 Rachel Lipton (HRA)
150 Emanuel Gambino (HRA)
151 Peter Early (HRA)
152 Christine Sweeney (HRA)
153 Darryl Campbell (L2627)
154 Alvin Hinton (NYCHA)
155 Warren Kelley (NYCHA)
156 Sharon Garrett (NYCHA)
157 Carolyn Mays (NYPD)
158 Arlene Tuffs (Retirees)
159 Natalya Kamalyants (TRS)
160 Ada Royzeni (TRS)
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162 Motion to adjourn with second at 8:05pm.
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LOBBYING

How much did health insurance companies spend on lobbying in 2010?

View totals by: Client/Parent | Subsidiary/Affiliate

| Client/Parent | Total |
|---|-------------|
| <u>Aetna Inc</u> | \$4,845,894 |
| <u>Fresenius Medical Care</u> | \$4,090,000 |
| <u>Blue Cross/Blue Shield</u> | \$4,010,000 |
| <u>Davita Inc</u> | \$3,784,000 |
| <u>Medco Health Solutions</u> | \$2,990,000 |
| <u>UnitedHealth Group</u> | \$2,510,000 |
| <u>Health Net Inc</u> | \$1,820,000 |
| <u>Express Scripts</u> | \$1,660,000 |
| <u>Gentiva Health Services</u> | \$1,352,244 |
| <u>Humana Inc</u> | \$1,289,000 |
| <u>XL Health Corp</u> | \$1,150,000 |
| <u>Kaiser Foundation Health Plan</u> | \$1,000,000 |
| <u>American Ambulance Assn</u> | \$960,000 |
| <u>Rehabcare Group</u> | \$903,746 |
| <u>Quest Diagnostics</u> | \$870,000 |
| <u>ASC Advocacy Cntr</u> | \$825,000 |
| <u>National Health Policy Group</u> | \$800,000 |
| <u>Scan Health Plan</u> | \$790,000 |
| <u>American Clinical Laboratory Assn</u> | \$764,000 |
| <u>National Assn of Community Health Ctrs</u> | \$740,000 |

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| Healthways Inc | \$260,000 |
| Health Partners | \$240,000 |
| Coventry Health Care | \$190,000 |
| TOP TEN TOTAL | \$16,954,894 |

<http://www.opensecrets.org/lobby/indusclient.php?id=H03&year=2010>

\$ COMPENSATION \$
IN PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES

| TOP TEN CEO COMPENSATION PACKAGES | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Health Care Company | CEO | 2008 Base salary | 2008 Total Compensation |
| Aetna | Ron Williams | \$1,091,764 | \$24,300,112 |
| CIGNA | H. Edward Hanway | \$1,142,885 | \$12,236,740 |
| WellPoint | Angela Braly | \$1,135,538 | \$9,844,212 |
| Coventry Health | Dale Wolf | \$1 million | \$1,135,538 |
| Centene | Michael Neidorff | \$1 million | \$8,774,483 |
| AMERIGROUP | James Carlson | \$761,000 | \$5,292,546 |
| Humana | Michael McCallister | \$1,017,308 | \$4,764,309 |
| Health Net | Jay Gellert | \$1.2 million | \$4,425,355 |
| Universal American | Richard Barasch | \$857,851 | \$3,503,702 |
| UnitedHealth Group | Stephen Hemsley | \$1.3 million | \$3,241,042 |
| "based on information gathered from the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission" - fiercehealthcare.com | | GRAND TOTAL | \$77,518,039 |

Empire BlueCross BlueShield is a licensee of Wellpoint. \$475,000 was the annual salary of Empire's CEO Mark Wagar. He also receives "a bonus that is 60 percent of his base salary."

<http://www.newsday.com/business/bio-empire-s-ceo-mark-wagar-1.1457516>

| PARTIAL LIST OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AT HUMANA INC. | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Executive | Title | 2008 Salary | 2008 Total Compensation |
| Frank A. D'Amelio | Director | \$1,051,500 | \$8,132,350 |
| William E. Mitchell | Director | \$1,100,000 | \$7,060,468 |
| Michael McCallister | CEO/President | \$1,017,308 | \$4,764,309 |
| James J. O'Brien | Director | \$1,110,925 | \$4,388,181 |
| James E. Murray | COO | \$663,846 | \$2,467,361 |
| Source: Forbes.com http://people.forbes.com/search?ticker=HUM | | SUBTOTAL | \$26,812,669 |

The salaries and compensation may also be found at the web sites of the companies or at NYTimes.com.